



**MISSOURI ETHICS COMMISSION**

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James Klahr  
Executive Director

May 19, 2017

Thomas Schneider  
Friends for Mayor Schneider  
265 Gerald  
Florissant MO 63031

Re: File No. 17-0027-I

Dear Mr. Schneider:

The Missouri Ethics Commission considered the complaint filed against you and your candidate committee, Friends of Mayor Schneider, at its May 18, 2017 meeting. You currently serve as Mayor of Florissant. The complaint alleged that you and Friends for Mayor Schneider failed to file an 8 Day Before Election Report to reflect contributions received from a campaign fundraiser to support your re-election.

Commission staff determined that you and Friends for Mayor Schneider hosted a fundraiser on February 25, 2017. Your committee, Friends for Mayor Schneider, reported the contributions and expenditures related to the fundraiser along with the committee's other campaign activity in its April 2017 Quarterly Report.

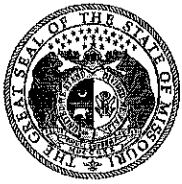
Section 130.046.1(1), RSMo, requires a committee to file the 8 Day Before Election Report in certain circumstances:

1. The disclosure reports required by section 130.041 for all committees shall be filed at the following times and for the following periods:
  - (1) Not later than the eighth day before an election for the period closing on the twelfth day before the election if the committee has made any contribution or expenditure either in support or opposition to any candidate or ballot measure;
  - (2) . . .

You and Friends for Mayor Schneider hosted a fundraiser to support your re-election in April 2019. Because the fundraiser was held more than two years prior to the next mayoral election and because the committee did not make any contributions or expenditures to support or oppose any other candidate running for office in the April 2017 election, you and Friends for Mayor Schneider were not required to file an 8 Day Before Election Report.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> The complaint references that Friends for Mayor Schneider filed a report indicating the committee had only limited activity. While the committee filed a Statement of Limited Activity in lieu of filing a January 2017 Quarterly Report, the committee filed a full report as required under Chapter 130, RSMo, when it filed its April 2017 Quarterly to reflect committee activity from January 1, 2017 through March 31, 2017, including the fundraiser.



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From the facts presented, the Commission finds no reasonable grounds exist to support a violation of Chapter 130, RSMo, and is dismissing the complaint.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James Klahr", is positioned above the printed name.

James Klahr

Executive Director